

Radio Society of Great Britain
Minutes of the EMC Committee Meeting
Thursday 15th January 2015
Held on Skype

Those attending

Dr John Rogers M0JAV (Chairman) (JR)

Colin Richards G3YCR (CR)

Richard Marshall G3SBA (RM)

Robin Page-Jones G3JWI (Secretary) (RPJ)

Dr David Lauder G0SNO (DL)

1 General

In view of the importance of agenda item 3 (OFCOM Consultation) it was agreed to concentrate on this item first.

1.1 Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from Hilary Clayton-Smith G4JKS (HC) John Woodhouse G6GPF (JW), Martin Sach G8KDF (MS), Brendan Minish G7CUW (BM)

Joe Groeger and Martin Atherton sent apologies and said would drop out of full EMCC membership. They both will remain interested and be available for consultation as required.

1.2 Approval of the minutes of the November meeting.

The prior approval by email was noted.

1.3 Matters Arising

It was agreed that this should not be discussed at the meeting but dealt with by email as required.

2 Sub-group Reports

2.1 Advisors Report.

The report was discussed. It was agreed that keeping a running number system for advisor's cases should be retained to give an archive of cases for future reference. It would be desirable to have more information of each case - about three or four lines per case. RPJ to discuss with KU.

2.2 Lobbying Report

This was briefly discussed. CR said that the OFCOM Consultation had already been extensively covered and there was very little to add to the Lobbying Report itself.

On Solar Panels, CR has received the hard copy he requested from BIS but this still did not cover the documentation he had been attempting to obtain.

JR said that there was a need for someone to take over the Solar Panel Survey and follow up from DB (now fully involved with IARU EMC activities). JR to contact JW.

2.3 Standards Report

RM spoke for this topic. Email from JW (12th January 2015) stated that there had been no significant standards activity since the past meeting. RM also drew attention to GEL/210/12 Chairmanship. He will attend the relevant BSI meeting later in January.

2.4 Publications Report

RPJ said that there is very little publications activity at present but we need to keep the 2015 Yearbook in mind.

JR said that the provision of the Reference Section to the EMCC web page is still in progress.

2.5 Investigations Report

There was no Investigations Report for this meeting. There was discussion about the provision of a report for future meetings and how this should tie in with other case reports.

3 OFCOM Consultation on regulation for Controlling Interference.

JR outlined the importance of this to the RSGB and asked CR to complete his briefing paper in time for it to be discussed at the Board meeting on Saturday 17th. CR agreed to do this and to circulate it to the EMCC.

There was a lot of discussion on the significance of various clauses of the OFCOM proposal. Reference was made to recent email exchanges within the EMCC and to external contacts relevant to the issues involved.

4 RadCom EMC Article

There was fairly lengthy discussion on how best to produce an article which was both useful technically and interesting to the typical RadCom reader. It was suggested that we could draw on material used in recent presentations on Standards and New EMC Threats. JR will draft out some topic headers and circulate them round the EMCC for comment.

5 Meetings

It was agreed that the next meeting is to be face-to-face and held in central London at a venue to be decided.

6 VDSL

Technical points were raised, particularly in relation to the 14MHz band.

JR said he had posted a summary of the 13 current cases onto the EMC Forum. RPJ commented on the poor response via the Forum. JR said that the CMG (Communications and Media Group) had been approached about simplifying access to RSGB Forums. RPJ will draft a note for RadCom and the GB2RS news to draw attention to the VDSL investigation.

7 Technical Issues

7.1 Software to Identify VDSL

An email report had been sent in by MS (15th January 2015 Subject: My report for the Skype meeting today). JR commented that progress was very satisfactory.

8 Current Cases

Specific cases were discussed under other topics.

9 The Next EMC Column

There was some discussion as how the OFCOM Consultation might be covered. It was suggested that summary and comment on the significance to amateur radio would be appropriate.

10 AOB

RM commented on the difficulty of testing existing PLA devices to the Essential Requirements.

RPJ asked the question as to whether for OFCOM Consultations (as in 3 above) the number of responses was important or whether it was then reasoning which carried weight. CR responded that it was both numbers and quality. However he made the point that while members should be encouraged to make their own responses any advice given by the Society should avoid the appearance of a pre-arranged format as this was likely to be counter productive.

JR Thanked everyone and closed the meeting at 9.50pm